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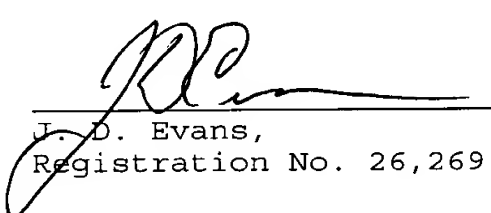
REMARKS

The foregoing amendments are respectfully submitted to insert recommended section headings, to delete improper references to the claims from the specification, to present claims in better form for examination by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, and to add the required abstract of the disclosure.

Favorable action on the application is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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